

REMARKS REGARDING AMENDMENTS

Claims 48-83 were previously pending in the application. Claim 1-47 were previously cancelled in response to the first Restriction Requirement.

By this Amendment, claims 48, 54 and 63 have been amended and claims 62, 67-71 and 81-83 have been cancelled.

Claims 48 and 63 were amended solely to replace the word "including" with the word "comprising." Independent claim 54 has been amended to make it dependent on independent claim 48. As such, claim 54 and claims 55-60 and 75-77, which are dependent on or have a chain of dependency on claim 54 (collectively the claims restricted into Group IV of the Restriction Requirement) fall within the same invention group as claim 48 (Group III). Acknowledgement of this grouping is respectfully requested.

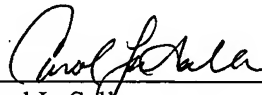
Claim 62 has been cancelled as it is directed to a composition, as noted by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully propose that claim 62 rightly falls within Group II (directed to compositions) identified in the first Restriction Requirement. Acknowledgement of this grouping is respectfully requested. Claims 67-71 and 81-83 have been cancelled as they are directed to an invention that has not been elected for prosecution.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and allowance of all of the claims.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number NPAG-001.

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